II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for acting on an optical path, comprising:

an at least partly opaque or non-transmissive lever;

a bearance fulcrum about which at least a part of the lever is slewable at least partly in and out of the optical path by the use of a piezo-electric force; and

a piezo-electric element to exert the piezo-electric force on one end of the lever,

~~The apparatus of claim 2,~~

wherein the lever comprises a first lever arm on one side of the fulcrum and a second lever arm on the other side of the fulcrum,

the piezo-electric element being connected to an end of the first lever arm remote of the fulcrum.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the piezo-electric element comprises an end being a least partly articulated in a seat in the first lever arm.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 2~~claim 3, wherein the piezo-electric element being of bimorph type.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 2~~claim 3, wherein the end of the lever being connected to one end of the piezo-electric element which is slewable whereas another end of the piezo-electric element is fixed relative to the apparatus.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein at least a part of the second lever arm serves as the part of the lever slewable at least partly in and out of the optical path.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 1~~claim 3, further comprising~~:~~ at least one catch in which the lever can be separable locked in at least one predetermined position.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein two catches being positioned to be able to separable lock the lever at least partly in and out of the optical path.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the piezo-electric force of the piezo-electric element being strong enough to release the lever from each catch and to switch the lever between the two catches.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of ~~claim 2~~claim 3, further comprising:

a measuring device for measuring the slewing angle (*a*) of the lever,

a comparator connected with the measuring device for comparing the measured value of the slewing angle (*a*) with a predetermined value of the slewing angle (*a*), and

a controller connected with the piezo-electric element for adjusting the piezo-electric force when the comparator has detected a difference between the measured value and the predetermined value of the slewing angle (*a*).

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the measuring device comprises a wire-strain gauge bonded to the piezo-electric element.